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Mr. Benjamin H. Mann
President
Lafayette Fellowship Foundation, Inc.
78 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Mann:

Thank you for your letter of February 13, informing me of the Lafayette Gold Medal Award, and of your plans to present it on May 27, to General Alfred M. Gruenther.

It is indeed fitting that General Gruenther should be the first recipient of this medal. I can think of no other American who has done more to furthering the friendship and understanding between the peoples of France and of this country.

Unfortunately I must decline your kind invitation to be present on this occasion, as I have tentative plans to be out of the country at that time.

My best wishes for a successful evening.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
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Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As a member of our National Sponsors Committee, you will be pleased to know that the Board of Directors, at its last meeting, established the Lafayette Gold Medal Award and resolved that this medal be presented, from time to time, to an individual who has made a great contribution toward furthering friendship and understanding between the people of France and the people of the United States.

It was the unanimous decision that the first recipient of this award be General Alfred M. Gruenther. It is to be presented to him at a dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday evening, May 27th, 1958. The General will be with us on that evening to accept the award.

I am writing you at this time so that you may have this information well in advance of any public announcement, and so that you may reserve the date on your calendar and be with us on this memorable evening.

The charge for the dinner has been fixed at \$25.00 per cover, or \$250.00 a table of ten. This charge, as you can well understand, will make it possible for the Foundation to have this function without any cost on its part, but will of course not net any income which can be used in connection with our scholarship program. There will of course be no solicitation at this dinner.

I hope that you will begin to think of some of your friends and associates you may wish to have us invite to this dinner. Will you please forward such names to our office so that they may be included in the invitation list. I look forward to greeting you and your friends on that evening.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Col. Grogan has recommended that you attend this dinner or that you be represented.

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